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House of Representatives  
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Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

This is to inform you of a project being developed with the participation of the House International Relations Committee and to request your cooperation and support for it. As a result of consultations between the staffs of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs and the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, the Congressional Research Service is planning to sponsor monthly briefings on developments in the East Asian region for interested congressional staff personnel and also for interested members. The purpose of the briefings is to keep members and staffers current on events in the region and possible interpretations of these events using a concise and structured format of verbal presentations and discussion. This, we believe, will fill an informational gap that has arisen among members and staffers because of time constraints which prevent in-depth reading and day-to-day personal contact with sources of information and analysis.

The first session is scheduled from 1400-1630 on the afternoon of March 17 in Room 2200 Rayburn House Office Building for approximately 300 staff members. Congressional Research Service analysts will present briefings on three issues. This will be followed by a period of discussion and comment by a panel of distinguished experts from other branches of government and the academic community.

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We have contacted two C.I.A. analysts for possible participation on the panel: James Lilley, the National Intelligence Officer for China and [redacted] National Intelligence Officer for Northeast Asia. We believe their contribution would be invaluable.

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Your cooperation would be appreciated in allowing Mr. Lilley and [redacted] to participate and also in approving participation by C.I.A. experts in future briefings. If the briefings on Asia fulfill the purpose for which they are being planned, they will make a positive contribution to the role of Congress in foreign policy. They then may be expanded to include other regions. C.I.A.'s cooperation would help to realize these objectives.

Sanderely,

Lester L. Wolff, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Asian and  
Pacific Affairs

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